

Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: August 4, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending August 4, 1996. The main farming activities for the week were harvesting hay and corn silage and spraying fields. Summer showers provided much needed relief to pastures and crops. Soil moisture is 2 percent very short, 10 percent short, 66 percent adequate and 22 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Dough	94	88	93	87	2	7	30	51	10
	Dent	77	59	63	60					
	Mature	19	13	22	26					
	Silage Hvstd	42	27	37	38					
Cotton	Setting Bolls	100	98	99	91	1	4	23	58	14
	Open Bolls	1	---	1	0					
Rice	Heading	81	62	75	57	0	7	45	46	2
	Mature	0	---	1	1					
Sorghum	Heading	95	93	91	85	0	5	29	64	2
	Turning Color	59	43	40	45					
Soybeans	Blooming	87	85	83	67	2	8	25	55	10
	Setting pods	69	64	51	36					
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	72	70	75	76	4	16	29	44	7
Peaches	Harvested	90	87	81	90	61	21	8	10	0
Watermelons	Harvested	79	76	85	76	0	24	30	43	3
Peanuts						0	0	16	80	4
Sweetpotatoes						0	0	7	73	20
Cattle						1	6	23	58	12
Pasture						3	10	32	47	8

County Agent Comments

"Heavy rains throughout the week helped pastures and soybeans. Corn yields were affected by earlier drought."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"Insect pressure remains relatively low in cotton. Pastures are finally beginning to grow after sustaining winter damage and drought. Soybeans, corn, and grain sorghum look better than average. Sweet potato fields look as good as we have ever had - a big crop is in the making."

— Mike Howell, Calhoun County

"An average of two to three inches of rain improved all crops in the county. Hay harvesting has been delayed. Weevils are increasing in cotton but the infestation is much lower than normal. Worms have not been a problem in cotton or soybeans yet. Cattle have improved with the cooler temperatures."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"We are seeing an increase in insects in both cotton and soybeans. Rain was a welcome sight this week. Pastures are in good shape but hay seems to be below yields from last year."

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

"Scattered, heavy rains have increased soil moisture to more acceptable levels. Field work has been delayed due to rain. More hay will be harvested thanks to much needed rain. A variety of commercial vegetables are being hit by diseases associated with warm, humid conditions."

— Chuck Grantham, Copiah County

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